(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Schemes to Increase Vegetable Production

3562. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to devise schemes for increasing vegetable production in the country to encourage export.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps to educate farmers in that regard for better yield and foreign exchange earning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARANA RAO): (a) to (c) There is no specific scheme for increasing production of vegetables to encourage export. However, the Government has approved a scheme on integrated development of vegetables including root and tuber crops for increasing production and productivity of vegetable crops both for domestic and export markets. The scheme includes programme on seed production, productivity improvement, integrated insect, pest and disease management, transfer of technology including training and visits, demonstration of technology, mechanisation and on-farm post-harvest handling. Besides, National horticulture Board and Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority are providing assistance for infrastructure development on post-harvest handling, storage, marketing and infrastructure facilities at airport to encourage the exports of horticulture.

Evergreen Revolution

3563. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister has while inaugurating Krishi Expo 2000 on 25th Jaunary, 2000 in New Delhi exhorted the farmers and scientists to convert the green revolution into an evergreen revolution;